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## Miller & Rhoads

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### Cool Dresses for Hot Weather

While the thermometer is bubbling over with enthusiasm in revising the temperature upward, we're just as busy as can be trying to keep you comfortable by supplying hot weather needfuls at low temperature prices.

**Lawn Jumper Dresses.**—Made of good quality extra lawn, in stripes, checks and polka dots of blue, black, pink or brown on a ground of white. They are made with kimono sleeves, square neck and full skirts. The entire dress is trimmed with a border that matches the material. Worth all of \$2.25, but our price is \$1.25.

**\$3.50 Jumper Dresses.**—These are made of extra quality fine lawn with fancy figures of lavender, blue, brown and pink. They are made with kimono sleeves and a full skirt. Wide band of insertion over shoulders and across the front of waist. The entire dress is as well made as any \$3.00 garments you'll find. Our special price, \$2.45.

**\$2.45 Percale Jumper Dresses.**—Made of lightweight percale of white ground with pretty outline checks of blue, black and pink. Collar, sleeves, belt, front of waist and bottom of skirt piped with solid color material to match. Waist trimmed with tabs and buttons of corresponding material. Special price, \$1.45.

**Linen Jumper Dresses.**—These Fine Linen Jumper Dresses are made by one of the best manufacturers in the country, and every one is worth almost double what we're selling them for to-day. Solid colors of green, pink, light blue, tan, brown, gray and white with embroidery or braid trimming. Former prices were \$4.95 to \$11.95; now cut to \$2.95 to \$7.49.

### Our Blanket Sale is Booming

There is more behind this blanket sale than any we've ever held. More blankets, more good values, lower prices and more to interest those who want to save money on the necessary supplies they know they will have to buy later at higher prices. We mention four of the good items this morning—

**12-4 Gray Cotton Blankets,** extra size, good weight and a very choice blanket which would usually sell at \$2.25; our blanket sale price, \$1.50.

**10-4 Gray Wool Blankets,** very soft and "comfy," these blankets weigh four pounds and are regular \$3.50 values. We save you a dollar and sell them at \$2.50.

**11-4 White Saxony Wool Blankets,** simply fine and especially good value at a regular price of \$5.00. We're selling these splendid blankets in this sale at \$3.49.

**Silklike Comforts.**—Not often you find a comfort filled with good cotton batting that you can buy at a dollar and feel glad you've bought it, but here you can rely upon. These are good size and really worth \$1.50; special price, \$1.00.

#### A Good Wash Petticoat To-Day for 39c

Good, washable Petticoats of serviceable Oxford cloth. Black and white plaids only. These skirts are cut full and made with a deep pleat; gored top. Cheaper than you can make them and really worth about double the price we're asking. You'll find these on sale at the booth on Main floor. Special price, 39c.

#### Buy a Cool, Comfortable Kimono To-Day

**Long Crepe Kimonos,** made with a box pleat in back and tucks in front, with pretty Persian border. Exceptionally good garments and splendid values. Colors, pink, blue, and lavender. Special price, \$1.25.

Better garments made on the same order and in the same colors, only with a good quality Persian border of satin, each \$1.75.

## CONTRACT LET FOR CARY STREET ROAD

Section of Model Highway Soon to Be Constructed.

At the cost of \$8,000 a mile, a contract has been let for a section of twenty-foot macadam road on the Cary Street Road, in Tuckahoe District, Henrico county, leading from the city line in the direction of the Country Club, which is now in course of construction. Work on the new highway will soon be commenced.

The county and State have \$8,000 for their share in the work, and a canvass has been started among the people in the county living on the Cary Street Road. With the result that about \$5,000 has already been subscribed. An effort is being made to raise \$5,000 more, and there is every probability, a good roads man stated yesterday, that this amount will be raised. W. E. Grant, supervisor in Tuckahoe District, is deeply interested in the subject of good roads, and he is lending all the aid possible towards the construction of the new highway.

The new road will be put forward as an example to the rest of the county, and the projectors hope to prove to the county that a good road will mean more money to them and an easier means of communication among themselves and between the farmer and the city. It is hoped that the road will ultimately extend from end to end of the county, and toward this result the good roads people who are now behind the movement will lend all their efforts.

#### C. & O. ACTIVE

**Stock Makes New High Record Following Reports of Western Extension.**—Chesapeake and Ohio was unusually active yesterday, according to a special dispatch from New York last night. The stock rose to a new high record following a report from Cincinnati that the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville would be taken over on November 1 and operated independently for at least two years on its Chicago division, with use of its terminal. Edwin Hawley was characteristically noncommittal on the report. When he was first asked several months ago how the Chesapeake was to be extended into a trunk line, he answered, "I am a good waterer," and yesterday he would make no more definite comment. The Western dispatch added that the arrangement was satisfactory to the Big Four, whose demand that the passenger rate over the new route be made standard was conceded. Panhandle's position was not stated, however, and the announcement that the Pennsylvania has just appropriated more than \$7,000,000 for additional construction on this road, giving it an alternative double track from Pittsburgh to Chicago, was received with a good deal of interest.

**Common Council Called.**—The Common Council has been called in special session for Thursday night to take up a proposed change in the law of sewer bonds. The matter will be disposed of in a short while, it being merely a technical question.

**Two Dwellings Burned.**—Two dwellings, belonging to John A. Hebring, on Beverly Street, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The origin of the fire being unknown. The loss is said to be covered by insurance.

## NEW CLUB ISSUES \$50,000 IN BONDS

Stockholders Approve Plan of Directors, and New Country Club Is Assured.

Stockholders of the Country Club of Virginia met last night in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce and authorized an issue of \$50,000 in bonds for the completion of the clubhouse at Rio Vista and the improvement of the grounds. The meeting was largely attended by stockholders and proxies, and the vote for the bond issue was unanimous.

The clubhouse was reported as rising toward the second floor, and the contractor assured the association that the building would be ready for occupancy by January 1. Progress was also reported in putting the grounds of the club in order, the golf links being almost ready for use. The meeting passed a resolution endorsing the movement for macadamizing the Cary Street Road from the city line to Rio Vista.

Reports submitted last night show that out of the 1,000 shares authorized as a maximum under the charter, 831 had been subscribed, leaving but 119 open. After these are taken the board of directors will decide on an initiation fee for additional members, none of whom can become stockholders or directors without purchasing shares from some other member. The number of members taken in on initiation fees will also be limited.

## OWEN CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE

Will Run in Nottoway to Succeed Judge William H. Mann.

Hon. John J. Owen, the present representative in the House of Delegates from the county of Prince Edward, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Owen did not stand this time for reelection to the House, in which body he has served with distinction for the past ten years. He will be a candidate to succeed Judge William H. Mann in the Senate from the Twenty-eighth District, and indications point strongly to his election.

W. Monroe Gravatt, a prominent young lawyer of Nottoway county, who had indicated his purpose to run for the place in the event of a vacancy occasioned by the nomination of Judge Mann for the governorship, has written Mr. Owen a letter, saying that he will not enter the race, but that he will support the Prince Edward man. Chances are that Mr. Owen will have a clear field, and that Judge Mann's resignation will be forwarded to the Governor within a few days.

So far, the only candidates mentioned for succession to the late Senator White in the Eighteenth District are former Delegate A. S. Priddy, of Charlottesville, and Colonel Tom Scott, of the same county, who served many years in the upper branch of the General Assembly.

## PARK AVENUE TREE IS SAVED

Aldermen Refuse to Concur in Ordering Its Removal from Roadway.

### INVITATION IS TABLED

No Action on Asking Committees of Various Cities to Meet in Richmond.

With a scant quorum present the Board of Aldermen last night transacted with great dispatch all the business that could legally come before the body at that time. Many ordinances and recommendations of more or less importance, requiring a two-thirds vote, had to be carried over until a sufficient number of members return to the city from their vacations. President J. B. Wood being out of the city, the meeting was presided over by Vice-President Robert Whittet.

The torrid atmosphere dampened enthusiasm, so that the most versatile members refrained from making speeches, being content to let matters drift along so as to get through as quickly as possible. Clerk August used his speed at this propitious time, and the result was that the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president before 10 o'clock.

**Saved the Old Tree.**—The only question to cause any debate was that of the removal of the big oak tree in Park Avenue, as passed by the Common Council. Mr. Grundy explained that the tree had been standing there, according to the records, for 100 years; that it had harmed no one, and that no one had harmed it.

"It would be a sacrifice to put an axe to it," he concluded. Mr. Powell stated that he was personally in favor of removing the landmark, but believed that progress demanded it. He was, therefore, in favor of paying no attention to sentiment, and letting it cut down. He explained that in days gone by, the street in which the ancient tree stands was not an important thoroughfare, but that modern conditions had made it one of the most important in the West End, and that the city would be liable for any damages that it might occasion. The Board refused to concur, and the old tree will stand.

#### Railroad and Street Car Measures.

The report of the Street Committee recommending the striking out of obnoxious ordinances in regard to street cars, was concurred in. The only material change was that providing that the speed of cars should be twelve instead of eight miles an hour. The Board refused to concur in the recommendation that railways be not allowed to shift cars at grade crossings except fifteen minutes before and fifteen minutes after the arrival of passenger trains. It was pointed out that at the crossings near the union depots practically no shifting could be done if this ordinance went into effect, as passenger trains are arriving every few minutes.

The report of the Grounds and Buildings Committee, recommending that \$500 be transferred from the playgrounds account and placed on the account of the Williamsburg Avenue playgrounds, and the appropriation of \$2,500 to the expense account of the City Hall, on account of abnormal expenses, was concurred in. The Building Inspector, were referred to the Finance Committee.

The recommendation regulating the speed of all vehicles not propelled by animals to five miles an hour on Gamble's Park was concurred in.

#### Attend Municipal League.

An appropriation of \$99 to defray the expenses of a committee from the Council, consisting of the Mayor, the presidents and two members of each branch, the Council met yesterday in the City Hall to attend the Virginia Municipal League.

#### Table Invitation to Other Cities.

The resolution passed by the Council appointing a special joint committee consisting of two members of each branch of the Council, to invite other cities to attend the Legislative changes in the form of government was laid on the table on account of the fact that a committee of this Council is now out of the city on a tour. It was, however, better to receive its recommendation before inviting the representatives to meet here, as the resolution provides.

The name of H. B. Pollard, Jr., was introduced by the Committee on Consolidation of Richmond and Manchester, in place of E. H. Spence. Several other matters of minor importance were passed upon.

## NEW HEARING IN SCHURMAN SUIT

Judge Ingram Sets Aside Garinshie Verdict—Another Trial in Nance Case.

In the case of the Planters' National Bank against Hannah May Schurman, in the Law and Equity Court, Judge John H. Ingram yesterday set aside the verdict, the jury having found for the defendant. The case involves \$2,500 alleged to have been due on a note. There were two hearings. The first was to settle the question as to whether or not the Schurmans were indebted to the bank. The jury found for the plaintiff.

With this verdict in its favor the bank garnished M. Rosenbloom & Son, alleging that they had in their possession a certain sum of money belonging to the Schurmans. The case involved the garnishment of the bank. The judge set aside, and ordered a new trial, on condition that the bank pay the costs of the previous trial.

Judge Ingram also set aside the verdict in the suit of Liberty Nance against Mrs. S. W. Williams. Nance was awarded \$1,000 reward for the recovery of jewelry stolen from Mrs. Buck some time ago. It was a friendly suit to determine to whom the reward should be paid. The case will be heard during the next term of court.

## NEW TRANSFERS ARE EXPERIMENT

Car Company Will Test Operation of General System, Pending Outcome of Litigation.

### GREAT EXCITEMENT CAUSED

Mounted Officers Rush to Scene of Shooting and Effect Capture.

General satisfaction is expressed over the announcement in yesterday's Times-Dispatch of the determination of the new company operating the street car system of this city, to put into effect, beginning on Sunday morning, a general transfer system. It is believed that much inconvenience and annoyance hitherto experienced, especially by strangers in the city, unfamiliar with the company's regulations, will be done away with, and that the results will be mutually satisfactory. The trial of the general transfer for the first time in Richmond is admittedly an experiment. Officials of the company said yesterday that they would give the plan a fair trial, but could not say whether it would be permanent, as only a test could show what hardships it will impose on the company in the way of "lopping" or of persons by means of transfers returning in the same general direction as they started.

#### Still Have Two Franchises.

Transfer conditions in Richmond for some time past have been far from satisfactory, from the standpoint of the city, the car company and especially of the traveling public. When the Council granted the franchise some years ago to the Williams syndicate, which financed the Traction Company, but little was said about transfers, other than general requirement that they must be given to competing lines. Some time later the old Richmond Railway and Electric Company lines were reorganized as the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, and a franchise of a more stringent nature than that of the Traction Company was granted, the transfer clause, for instance, requiring a transfer on a transfer, not required from the other company, while there were a number of other conditions. The franchise of the Richmond Railway and Power Company led to the unification of all the lines formerly operated by the receivers, into one system, but the one company is still operating lines and franchises. It is believed, however, that a matter of general belief, though not as yet confirmed by official acts of the company, that a new blanket franchise will shortly be asked, possibly by the Richmond Railway and Power Company, for the unification of some of the conflicting and paralleling lines, in the interests of economy and better service.

#### Litigation Pending.

Some time ago the Street Committee of the City Council instructed the City Attorney to begin proceedings against the receivers, with a view of finding whether the city had the right to compel general or universal transfers. That litigation is still pending, and the city and the company are both expressing confidence as to the outcome. Meanwhile, officials of the new company decided to make a test of the general transfer and ascertain its practicability, the test to begin on Sunday morning. The test, consisting of all passengers, according to Superintendent Buchanan, accept and use transfers. Since it costs as much to haul a passenger on a transfer as it does on the original fare, requiring the same number of stops and delay, and the same element of danger, the company officials believe that the general transfer, if it greatly increases the number of transfers, and leads to looting and turning, will be a heavy burden for the company to carry.

#### May Ask New Franchise.

Should any application be made for a new franchise, the whole question of transfer rights will again be brought up. The company is now in a position to make a test of the general transfer, and the city is in a position to make a test of the general transfer. The company is now in a position to make a test of the general transfer, and the city is in a position to make a test of the general transfer.

#### Attach Minstrels' Car

**Pride of Dandy Dixies Held Here to Satisfy Alleged Debt.**—Suits were instituted in the Circuit Court yesterday by the National Printing and Engraving Company, of New York, against Voelkel and Nolan, proprietors of the Dandy Dixie Minstrel Show, which recently gave \$2,450.88.

The minstrel troupe left this city for the South. The car was placed in the South. The car was placed in the South. The car was placed in the South.

#### DANVILLE ARQUSED

**Will Hold Mass-Meeting To-Knight to Aid National Highway.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—DANVILLE, VA., August 10.—A mass meeting will be held in the evening of Wednesday night for the purpose of deciding upon some concerted plan to secure Danville along the route of the national highway from New York to New Orleans.

Delegates are expected from Lynchburg, Chatham, Reldsville and Greensboro, for the purpose of holding a conference and making a united fight against the proposed highway. The plan is to hold a series of meetings between the cities, and every effort will be made to secure the highway.

#### A CARD

I take this method to return thanks to my fellow-citizens for their hearty support given me on August 5th, for which I shall be ever grateful.

JOHN A. CURTIS.

## SHOOTS THREE MEN IN FIGHT FOR GUN

James Alvis Quarrels in Moschetti's Store, and Returns Armed.

### GREAT EXCITEMENT CAUSED

Mounted Officers Rush to Scene of Shooting and Effect Capture.

Fired, according to his own admission, with three corn whiskeys, James Alvis, a white man of family, early last night shot three people when they grappled with him in an attempt to take away his gun, the injured people being Louis Moschetti, proprietor of a store at Washington and Ashland Streets; James Bland, Edward Martin and a colored man named Bland. None of them was seriously injured, for the shot were small, and the victims were struck when the shot ricocheted from the sidewalk, to which the gun was pointed when it exploded in the hands of Alvis.

#### Quarrelled in Bar.

Alvis had become engaged in a quarrel in Moschetti's store earlier in the day, and he left enraged to go home and get his gun. He returned shortly after 8 o'clock, and Mr. Moschetti, who had been watching, saw him coming. Alvis had a double-barrel shotgun in his hands, and he looked dangerous. As soon as he entered the store, Mr. Moschetti sprang on him, and, after a sharp struggle, managed, with the aid of others, to force him out on the sidewalk. There they grappled with him, every man fighting for his gun. Alvis eventually meant to kill. In the melee the gun exploded, and the shot struck the sidewalk, rebounding into the faces and arms of the four men. It was fortunate that the shot were small, or the injuries might have been more serious. Two shot took effect in Mr. Moschetti's arm, and the others took effect in the faces of the three other men. But the wounds were only skin-deep, and the shot were easily picked up.

#### Excellent Intense.

Excitement in the neighborhood was intense during the course of the struggle, and some one telephoned to the Second Station that a white man had run amuck and was shooting up the street. Mounted Officers Smallwood, Flournoy and Krouse went to the scene in a sweeping gallop. When they arrived, Alvis had been disarmed, and was being held by several men. They took him in charge and sent him off to the Second Police Station, where the man was locked up on a felony warrant.

He seemed to have sobered up when he got into the station house and stated to the officers that he did not remember the quarrel and the consequent shooting. He admitted, however, that he had been drinking heavily. Mr. Moschetti seemed to think lightly of the affair, and he will probably not press the charges. As none of the men were seriously hurt, the ambulance was not summoned.

#### WITHDREW COMPLAINT

##### Papers Accusing Keeper of Monroe Park Are Returned Unopened.

At a meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee held yesterday afternoon charges against Eugene J. Walton, keeper of Monroe Park, were returned unopened to the complainant, through Councilman John F. Don Leavy, through whom the complaint was made. It is understood that the complainant privately made known to the members of the committee his reasons for withdrawing the paper.

#### HEALTH CONDITIONS CONTINUE GOOD

**Bulletin of City Board Shows Decreased Death Rate for Whole Population.**—Against 223 deaths reported to the Health Department during the month of July, there were 233 births, according to the report of Chief Health Officer Levy, issued yesterday. Causes for the deaths reported include almost all the diseases of the catalogue, which shows that there has been in the city during this time nothing like an epidemic. At the close of the month there were seventy-nine cases of typhoid fever, two of diphtheria, one of measles, one of scarlet fever, twenty-six of whooping cough, the total of infectious diseases being 111, against sixty-two at the close of the preceding month, and ninety-five at the close of July, 1908.

#### Statement of Mortality.

Death rates computed on an estimated midyear population of 115,701, of which 73,204 are whites and 42,497 are colored, show a mortality on an average of one per 1,000 of population of 23.30. The rate for whites was 18.50, or 16.50, excluding non-residents. The colored death rate was 31.65.

#### Medical Inspector's Report.

The report of the medical inspector shows a total of 138 cases of infectious diseases reported to the Health Department during the month of July, as follows: Typhoid fever, 91 cases; diphtheria, 3 cases; measles, 14 cases; scarlet fever, 1 case; whooping cough, 26 cases; mumps, 2 cases. There were 9 deaths from typhoid fever and 4 from whooping cough, and none from any of the other diseases mentioned.

The inspector of milk and food supplies reports a total of 765 inspections for the month. Food supplies amounting to 6,831 pounds, of a value of \$186.17, were condemned and destroyed. Twenty-nine permits were issued for the sale of milk and food supplies, eight permits were revoked and six were restored.

#### Milk Inspection.

The report of the Dairy Inspector shows a total of 92 inspections for the month. Three of the inspectors were refused and two were scored twice. The average milk score for the month was 78.9, which is 2.1 higher than the average for June. Eight permits were revoked, which were subsequently reissued. Two new permits were completed during the month and four are now under consideration.

#### Crackers and Cheese.

Wafers and biscuits are taxable at 3 cents per pound, and 5 per cent, ad valorem. Cheese will be received at 6 cents per pound, as under the old rate. Silk ribbons, bandings, bettings and bindings pay 50 per cent, ad valorem, which is the same rate. The above enumerated articles are the principal ones received in Richmond, and are practically all that affect importers here.

## BUY TO-DAY

If you want to get the best choice of the suits which we have put in an

### Eleven Dollar Sale

and which originally sold up to \$25.00.

## Gans-Rady Company

## NEW POSTMASTER; WHO IS HE TO BE?

It Is Believed That Edgar Allan, Jr., Will Fill Unexpired Term.

Three weeks from to-day, on Wednesday, September 1, a new postmaster will be in charge of the Richmond office. It is impossible to surmise who the new official will be, although it is generally understood that Edgar Allan, Jr., the assistant postmaster, will be appointed to fill the unexpired term of the incumbent, Mr. Cabell's term expires in the spring of 1910, perhaps in May, but the exact date is not disclosed. Mr. Cabell was appointed February 6, 1906, but his commission is dated three months later. The impression is that, without the intervention of President Taft, the Postmaster-General will appoint Mr. Allen to fill Mr. Cabell's unexpired term, and that the appointment of a permanent official will not be made until next spring. Some of the local Federal officials laugh in their sleeves at the suggestion that a permanent postmaster will be named at the end of the month.

#### Nine Applicants.

There are nine applications for the postmastership in the hands of the President, but the general rule has previously been for the assistant to succeed the chief when his term is incomplete, and it is more than probable that this rule will be followed here. Mr. Cabell stated yesterday that he will leave for Washington, August 31, and will enter upon his new duties the next morning. Under the present postmaster's regime the business of the local office has materially increased, and the conduct of its affairs has been excellent.

Mr. Cabell said: "We have an excellent force of men in the office, and I could not desire a more pleasant position. For many reasons I regret to leave Richmond, but I am sure my successor will do all in his power to accommodate the citizens of Richmond. I have had few unpleasant experiences. My wish for Richmond is continued prosperity, and for the men who have labored with me in my efforts to accommodate the public I have nothing but the kindest feelings."

#### Cases Continued.

The case of Samuel Carter, colored, charged with a policeman, Delia Carter, charged with a policeman, was continued in Police Court yesterday morning to August 20.

The hearing of the case against William T. Major, who is charged on three warrants with stealing money from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, was continued to August 17. He was bailed in the sum of \$300.

#### NEW TARIFF RATES NOW EFFECTIVE

**Local Dealers May Begin Any Day to Feel Advance on Imports.**—Under the new tariff rates, effective August 6, no entries have been made at Port Richmond, except on commodities not affected. The schedule is in the hands of Collector Stewart, and local dealers may commence any day to feel the advance on imported articles. The increases have been made especially on whiskeys, brandies and spirits, but the local dealers, as previously stated in The Times-Dispatch, foresee this probability, and secured a large stock in advance.

Under the new tariff law, the principal imports into Richmond will be taxed at an increased rate. Combs of all kinds, for instance, have increased from 30 to 50 per cent, ad valorem. Whiskey, brandy and spirits have been raised from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per gallon, and on champagne and sparkling wines the case is now received at \$6.00 per case, as against \$5 as formerly. Sherry wines are raised from 50 cents to 60 cents per gallon.

**Tobacco Men Won't Suffer.**—The tobacco men will not suffer seriously under the recent enactment, as Sumatra and filler tobacco will be received under the old rate. Automobiles are taxed 10 per cent, ad valorem, and table covers, curtains and cottons are accepted at 50 per cent. On stockings and hose, made in knitting machines, the duty is 30 per cent, ad valorem.

Books of all kinds, bound or unbound, pay the old rate of 25 per cent. One of the most important changes, and one which largely affects the Richmond receipts, is the duty on burlaps, which is raised from 10 to 15 per cent, and chinaware remain dutiable at the same rate. Seeds are dutiable at various specific rates, and leather goods are reduced.

#### Until Coffee Hits You Hard.

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#### A Woman Writes, and her letter is condensed to give the facts in a short space:

"I was a coffee slave and stuck to it like a leech to my cups, notwithstanding I had headaches every day, and frequently severe attacks of sick headaches; then I used more coffee to relieve the headaches, and this was well enough until the coffee effect wore off, then I would have sick spells, severe attacks of rheumatism began to appear, and ultimately the whole nervous system began to break down and I was fast becoming a wreck."

#### "After a Time I Was Induced to quit coffee and take up Postum. This was half a year ago. The result has been most satisfactory."

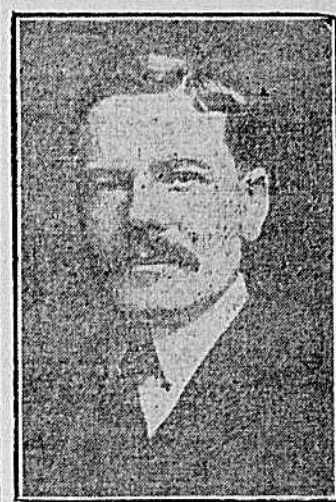
#### "There's a Reason."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

## ROBERT WHITTET IS ACTING MAYOR

Absence of Mayor Richardson and President Wood Leave Vice-President in Charge.



ROBERT WHITTET, JR.

Though the City Code does not specifically provide for it, according to unquestionable authorities, Robert Whittet, vice-president of the Board of Aldermen, is now Mayor of Richmond. For the first time in history, as far as any of the present generation knows, both the Mayor and his legal substitute, the president of the Board of Aldermen, are out of the city. The Code does not provide for the contingency arising by reason of the absence of both these officers, but it does say that the vice-president of the Board shall take charge of all duties of his superior when he is out of the city, or incapacitated for any other reason.

For some time last night it seemed that the city was without an executive head. It was finally decided, however, that the law could not be interpreted in any way except that the vice-president be the man for the place. Last night, it will be remembered that Alderman Marx Gunst, who was elected vice-president of the Board of Aldermen, was for a time Mayor of the city in the absence of Mayor McCarthy.

At that time, though, Mr. Gunst was president of the Board, on account of the resignation of President William M. Turpin, who had been elected Judge of the Circuit Court.

Indications are that Mr. Whittet will not be called upon to take any important action in the position that has been thrust upon him by force of circumstances, but he is none the less the executive head of the city government, with all powers to act in the place of Mayor Richardson in case anything does turn up that will require official action.

The state of affairs has ever occurred before in the history of the city, no record of it has been made, and it caused much comment last night. Mr. Whittet does not seem particularly set up over the sudden honor, but he says he will be on the job until either Mr. Wood or Mayor Richardson returns to the city.

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